GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE UNDER DPEP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign assistance received/ and utilized under the District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the foreign assistance received during the said period has been fully utilized and aims and objectives of the programme have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): The position of total external assistance tied up for the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)upto 31.3.2002, expenditure incurred during the Ninth Plan Period (1997-98to 2001-02) and reimbursement received from external funding agencies is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

S.No	Funding Agency	Total external assistance tied up	Expenditure (1997-98 to 2001-02)	Reimbursement received from funding agencies (1997-98 to 2001-02)
1.	World Bank (IDA Credit)	5137.00	3224.54	2689.44
2.	European Commission (EC)	623.00	323.79	623.00 +
3.	Department For International Development (DFID), U.K.	927.00	272.04	231.23
4.	Netherlands	215.00	98.70	81.11
5.	UNICEF	36.00	11.19	10.74
TOTAL		6938.00	3930.26	3635.52

+ Entire EC Grant has been received in advance.

(b) to (d): Under the project parameters of DPEP, expenditure is initially incurred by the State Implementation Societies out of the grants released by the Government of India and the State Governments, which is subsequently reimbursed by the external funding agencies to the extent of 85% of the expenditure. The DPEP projectsin the States and expansion of the programme in additional districts were sanctioned in different phases. The progress of expenditure and utilization of external assistance, therefore, depends upon the different stages of the programme implementation. Moreover, the programme in the various States is still under implementation and the committed external assistance for the project is to be utilized by the end of the project periods.

The reports of the various Joint Review Missions, Mid- Termin-depth review of project and studies conducted from time to time have brought out that the programme is moving towards achieving its objectives. The programme has resulted in significant improvement in enrolment, improvement in learning achievement, reduction in repetition rates, increased community involvement, improvement in classroom processes etc. About 21,000 new schools and 67,000 Alternative Schooling Centres have been opened under the project. Besides, about 20,000 school buildings, 31,000 additional classrooms, 11,000 drinking water facilities, 26,000 toilets and 10,000 academic resource centres have been constructed under the programme.